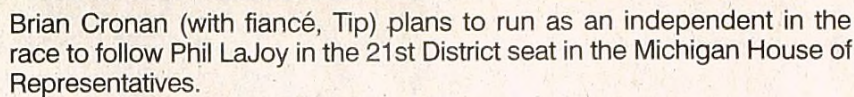






## Brian Cronan

The 21st District includes the majority of Canton Township, along with Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville. The House seat is open since State Rep. Phil LaJoy is term-limited out of office.



## Sean Bellingham

"There was a \$4.6 million shortfall in the 2007 public safety millage revenue over public safety expenses," said Bellingham. "The traffic enforcement unit did bring

"If Michigan's economy remains in a downturn, things may be different for 2008," King said. "Plante & Moran advised the board to pay close attention over the next several months to future state shared revenue payments from the state and changes to the Michigan tax structure, such as the new Michigan business tax and changes in property tax revenue or taxable value changes."

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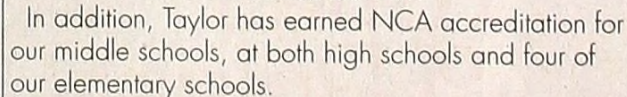
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# Geiss stresses experience in state candidacy

Molly Tippen  
Editor

Doug Geiss is a well-known face in and around the city of Taylor, but he's hoping to raise his profile.

Geiss, a Democrat seeking the open state representative seat vacated by Hoon-Yung Hopgood, said he believes his two terms on the city council has prepared him to serve as the representative for District 22, which encompasses Romulus.

"Being a council member means working with budgets, working with developers, large employers, and the citizens," he said. "I am the most experienced candidate for this position, and if elected, I will work to make sure policies benefit district residents."

Geiss is a lifelong Taylor resident. The valedictorian of Truman High School in 1988, he purchased his parents' home shortly after graduating from the University of Michigan. Geiss has been involved in politics for a long time, beginning in 1985 when he worked on the campaign of the

late Congressman William D. Ford. He also served as a congressional page from 1986-87.

Three issues encompass Geiss' campaign: job creation, retraining for displaced workers affected by globalization and public safety.

A lack of jobs is the link which is causing many of the state money problems, and must be addressed during the next term to prevent any further cuts in state shared revenue, Geiss said.

"I know first hand that communities are struggling with the revenue sharing situation, and if there are any proposed cuts, I won't support them," he said.

Retraining of workers – mostly through the 21st Century Jobs Fund – should also be expanded to help out-of-work persons get back on track.

"We have jobs available in health care and other fields where employers have to go out-of-state to find people," he said. "There's no reason that we can't retrain people laid off from manufacturing jobs to fill these positions. But the caveat must be that the retraining (paid for by the

state) fill a need we have the state – the classes can't be underwater basket-weaving."

Making sure that the Michigan State Police Post in Taylor is fully-staffed is another concern for Geiss, who noticed there is little activity at the facility.

"Having the post there provides assistance we needs at the local level, and I would like to see a full staff working at that facility," he said.

Geiss has made a handful of appearances in Romulus. He spoke against the expansion of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, which would displace several thousand residents and businesses, if it were implemented. Geiss acknowledges that the state has little control over the airport authority, but said the authority must seek approval from the state regarding many resources.

Among Geiss' proudest achievements on the Taylor council are fighting for an ethics policy for city officials and employees, and pushing for city council meetings to be telecast locally, which improved access to information



Doug Geiss

for various homebound citizens.

Geiss is employed in a supervisory capacity in the engineering department of Ford Motor Co., where he has worked for 15 years.

In addition to earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, he returned to that institution to earn a Masters of Business Administration.

If elected, Geiss said he will take a leave of absence from Ford to concentrate on his duties as an elected official.

## Man will face murder charges in shooting

Molly Tippen  
Editor

An Inkster judge ruled that there was enough evidence to compel a 38-year-old man to stand trial for the fatal shooting of a city resident.

Judge Sylvia A. James of the 22nd District Court ruled Wednesday that Kristen Walton, 38 and of Inkster, could be tried on charges of first-degree murder and firearms possession after the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office presented evidence at a pre-trial exam Wednesday.

Walton is charged in the death of another Inkster resident, Maurice Owens, 39, who was fatally shot at earlier this year on Feb. 24.

If convicted of the charges, Walton would face life behind bars without the possibility of parole. After the hearing, Walton was remanded into the custody of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department until his formal arraignment on the charges at Wayne County Circuit Court later this week.

Inkster police detectives arrested Walton May 29 after eyewitness testimony indicated that Walton allegedly fired the shots that killed Owens.

Police believe a drug debt owed to Walton by Owens may have sparked the shooting, said Det. Anthony Delgreco. Witnesses that took the stand testified that Walton demanded money from Owens, and when Owens said he didn't have the money, a physical fight ensued. At some point, according to witness testimony, Walton pulled a gun and shot Owens.

Defense attorneys contended that the shooting may have been in self-defense.

Also, eyewitnesses identified Walton as the individual who shot Owens after an altercation outside Owens' room at the Budget Inn, located at 26040 Michigan Ave.

Officers who responded to the scene Feb. 24 discovered Owens unresponsive inside the room. He had been fatally shot multiple times, while individuals who were in the room looked on.

Owens was the second person killed in the city in 2007.

## Tour de Belleville will aid Van Buren family

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Patrick and Diane Bruetsch want people to see Belleville from a bike.

And while they're riding, they want to generate funds to help Andrew Valinski, a Van Buren Township boy who has leukemia.

"He's a great kid and his dad, Chris, is a Van Buren Township officer," said Patrick Bruetsch, owner of Bicycle Peddler in Belleville. "We first met him (Andrew) through an auction to benefit the family by donating a bike and decided to try and expand involvement by organizing this ride."

The fundraiser—called the Tour de Belleville—will take place on July 26 with three different bicycle routes around Belleville, Van Buren Township and Belleville Lake. The hope is to make it an annual event, Bruetsch said.

"We've organized other charity rides before, notably the Torch Lake event to support the Chalfonte Foundation, dedicated to helping children with cystic fibrosis from Children's Hospital to have summer and winter camps," he said.

The Tour de Belleville will start and finish in the city offering riders three different routes from short to long. The 'Family Loop' will be 4 miles from the bicycle shop on

Denton Road between Belleville Lake and the Harbour Club Golf Course, while the 'Criterion Loop' will be 7.7 miles, which loops around the eastern portion of the lake and back to town along a westerly path on East Huron River Drive to Liberty Street. The 'Master's Route', which is 15.7 miles, will circle around the west half of the lake, along West Huron River Drive to Rawsonville Road, back along the South Service Drive to Quirk Road and includes the route of the criterion loop, as well.

There will be several carbohydrate and drink stations on the routes, along with 'sag wagon' volunteers to circle the routes while riders are on the course to pick-up anyone whose body or bike is not up to the ride they chose. Volunteers will bring those riders back to home base.

"Van Buren Township has also offered to have their bicycle rescue units available to ride the route," Bruetsch said.

The Tour de Belleville event may also include a pancake breakfast hosted by the Belleville Rotary Club before the event and a chili cook-off for riders after they return.

The cost is \$12 for a family ride, \$20 for individuals around two longer routes or \$100 per team. To participate or for more information, contact (734) 697-8899.



Thelma Lemmons, pictured with family friend Billie Knox of Detroit (left), Veronica Knox of Detroit (near right), and her daughter Loretta Lemmons Johnson of Livonia (far right), celebrated her 100th birthday in style last Thursday.

## Area woman marks birthday number 100

Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

Last week, Westland resident Thelma Lemmons celebrated her 100th birthday with her family and friends at Marquette House.

With a smile on her face and her voice raised in song, Lemmons was the guest of honor at the June 12 celebration featuring live music, a proclamation in her honor from Westland Mayor Bill Wild, and—of course—cake.

"It was delicious," she said.

Lemmons, who was joined by her daughter, Loretta Lemmons Johnson of Livonia, was greeted by a rousing rendition of 'Happy Birthday to You' performed by both the musicians and by her fellow residents. In addition to a corsage, she also received a dozen red roses and opened some small gifts.

"I enjoyed it," she said. "It was very nice."

However, it was actually the second birthday party that Lemmons had enjoyed this month.

"I had a party with my fami-

ly," she said. In addition to her daughter, Lemmons' family includes two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The earlier party recognized her actual birthday, June 5, when Lemmons was born in Huntsville, AL.

In the 100 years since her birth in 1908, Lemmons has remained active. A longtime member of Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church in Detroit, Lemmons said that she still enjoys going to services there whenever possible.

She said that she also enjoys seeing new places whenever possible.

"I love to travel," said Lemmons.

Originally raised in Memphis, TN, Lemmons and her husband moved to Michigan from Ohio in 1941 in search of better employment opportunities for her husband. In addition to caring for her family, Lemmons said that during the years she has also worked in several occupations, including a job as a mail clerk for the United States Postal Service.

vehicles to replace conventional city cars and trucks. That city, however, has purchased their gas in bulk, and has pumps set up at the city public works yard.

Lambert said its possible that the council may have to amend the general fund budget for this year to cover start-up costs for putting in fuel tanks, but he said he believes the changes would pay for initial expense.

Crova said he's not sure the city can afford that expense right now.

"Sure, I'd like to see more fuel-efficient vehicles, but I just don't think we can afford it right now," he said.

## Fuel

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"There may come a time when we have to auction those vehicles," said Lambert. "Not everyone whose driving one needs a larger vehicle – I don't think it would make much of a difference to me to drive a small car, especially if they are flex-fuel vehicles."

Romulus isn't the only city looking for a way to pare vehicle costs, especially when it comes to fuel.

The City of Westland recently implemented a no-idle policy, and is considering purchasing flex-fuel

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Book Club in full swing

The Romulus Public Library is still hosting monthly book club meetings.

The book club meets from 7 until 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Refreshments will be served.

Book discussions are free and open to all age 18 and up. Participants need not register in advance.

The library will have copies of the books to be discussed, or staff members will assist readers in getting an inter-library loan copy.

The remaining books that will be discussed include: A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle on July 14 and Pontoon - A Novel of Lake Wobegon by Garrison Keillor, in August.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

#### Flea market takes off

The Romulus Historical Society Annual Flea Market will take place from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. June 21 at the Romulus Historical Park, located next to the Post Office.

Proceeds from the sales of spaces will benefit activities that take place year-round at the Historical Park.

Vendors are still needed to help make the event a success this year.

Vendor spaces cost \$15. All participants must provide their own tables.

Food and refreshments will be available.

For more information please contact Gloria Chandler at (734) 941-2678.

#### Golf outing on tap

The Mayor's Drug Task Force Golf Outing will take place Friday, July 11.

The Mayor's Drug Task Force is a non-profit organization comprised of business and civic leaders. Together, they have accepted the on-going mission to keep the community drug-free and children safe from the harmful effects of substance abuse.

The outing will take place at the Gateway Golf Club, located at 33290 Gateway Dr., Romulus. The event will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start followed by lunch at the turn and dinner. Those interested in joining the event, or who need more information, are asked to call Kristin Irwin at (734) 955-4123.

#### Party in the park

The Romulus Historical Society and the Historical Commission will present Party in the Park July 16.

There will be music of yesteryear as played by Phil Renke. A tour the Wabash Freight House and the Kingsley House will take place.

Light refreshments will be served.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Historical Park.

#### CAN, HHA classes available

BT Training Center is offering day and evening classes to help residents obtain certification to be a certified nurses aide (CAN) or a home health aide (HHA).

BT Training is approved and licensed by the state of Michigan, and operates in conjunction with the No Worker Left Behind program, the Career Transition Program, and the GM and Ford Tuition Assistance Program.

The center is located at 26100 Annapolis Road in Inkster.

For more information, call (313) 274-3426.

— Events are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen. To suggest an event, send an e-mail to mtippen@journalgroup.com.



# OPINION

## We remain 'disappointed' but not surprised

There is a recurring theme in the ongoing dispute between Northville Township and REIS.

"Disappointed, but not surprised."

That's the phrase that township officials have used often as they've faced setback after setback in their attempts to protect the community from what they see as an overzealous, greedy developer.

They used it again last week, when a circuit court judge ruled against them in their efforts to show that the eight people on the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property were moved there under false pretenses in an attempt to circumvent local ordinances and development standards.

Disappointed but not surprised sums up our thoughts on the issue, too. It would be virtually impossible for any judge

to tinker around with someone's voting rights. It would be a form of political suicide.

Yet the entire argument about voting rights is a bit laughable in this case. In 'securing' the voting rights of these eight residents—for want of a better term, since they were supposed to be security guards—the judge has effectively removed the voting rights of the thousands of township residents who will now not have a say in whether the property is annexed to Livonia.

Township officials have reached out to just about everyone to get some help on this issue. Legislators in Lansing, their neighbors in the City of Northville, the courts. So far, that help has been late in coming or not there at all.

With each setback, township officials lose a bargaining

chip. They're continuing to negotiate with the developer, but you have to believe that with each setback, they lose a little ground on that front, too. What that will most likely mean is increased commercial on the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty, which will threaten the vitality of downtown Northville, perhaps even downtown Plymouth.

With each passing setback, a vote on the annexation appears more and more likely. The relief township officials are looking for is ironically within reach, too—legislation is pending, a court of appeals date imminent—all that is required is for one party to ignore the political and financial pressure and do the right thing.

Will that happen? Time will tell. Sadly, we think we're going to be disappointed, but not surprised about that, too.

## Repeal of fees is good legislation

There is an effort under way in the Legislature to repeal the so-called 'driver responsibility fees' that are imposed on drivers who have accumulated a number of points on their licenses.

The fees are charged when they renew their driver's license for two consecutive years. State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) has hosted meeting in his transportation committee on the subject and has come to the conclusion that they are heavy handed, excessive and unfairly punish those who are least able to afford it.

Even he would probably admit that that is a foregone conclusion.

To put this simply, he's on the right track.

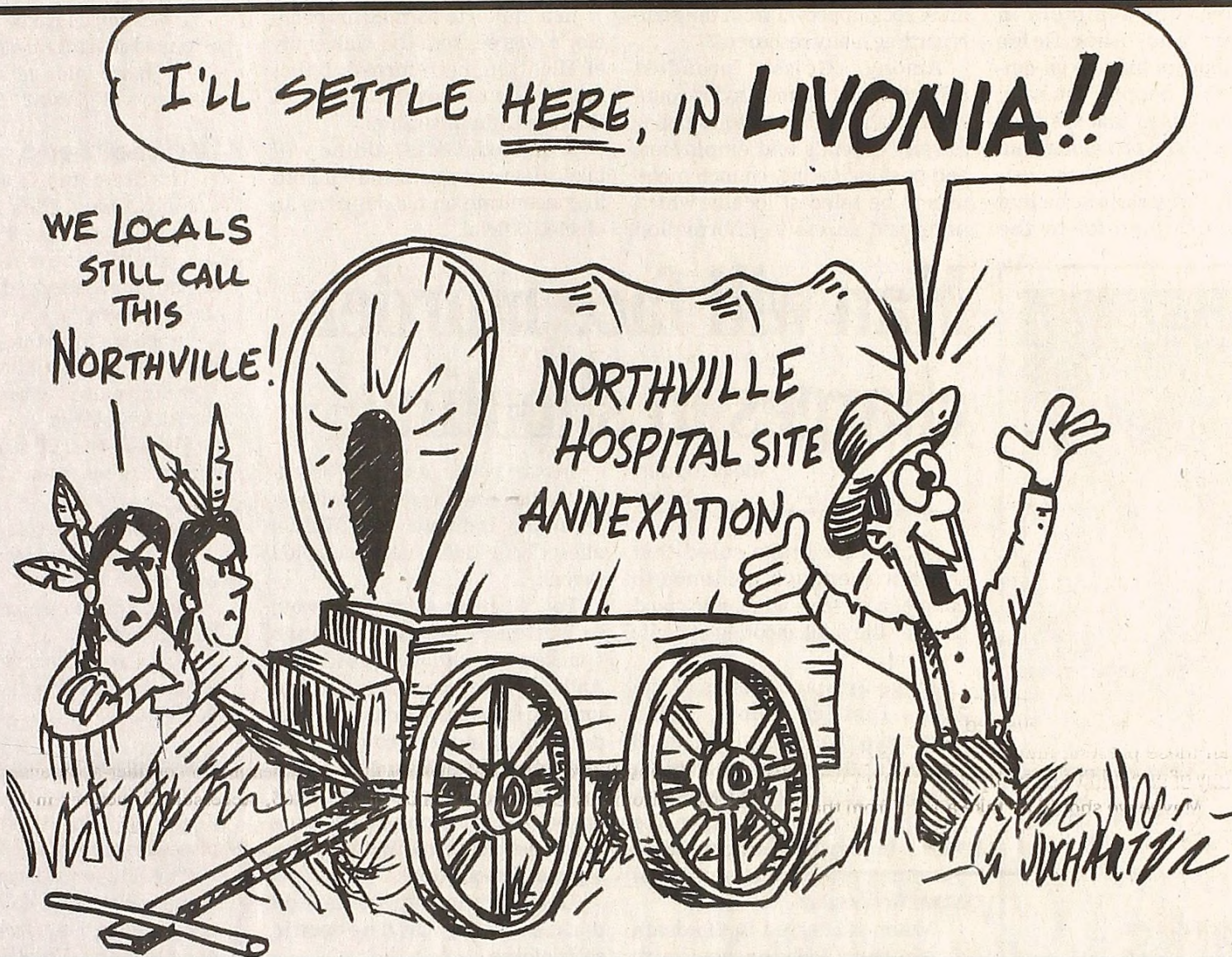
You often hear about how legislators are trying to make things easier for businesses to open up shop here or expand here or do the various things they need to do to spark the economy.

You don't often hear much about how legislators are trying to make things better for residents, though.

This law might have been well intended. It never truly served its purpose, though, and often caused a domino effect on residents who chose to try their luck at ignoring the fine only to run into deeper trouble down the road.

At best it was a fundraiser, a continuation on the concept of trying to put a tax on bad behaviors—like smoking cigarettes—that never panned out because it relied on the false premise that people could afford the fees and that they would pay it.

The best bet now is to wipe it off the books. The consequences of bad driving behavior should fall under the purview of the local courts, anyway, not some impersonal paperwork through the secretary of state.



## Celebrations nourish American spirit

When we first announced that the fireworks show would go on this year in the City of Wayne, the initial response on our web site was not favorable.

I can understand it to a point. The last time the city put on the show, there were a lot of problems down in and around Attwood Park, where people usually set up blankets and lawn chairs to get a good view of the show. Fights broke out in the parking lot of the community center, where the food court was located, and the police had a difficult time keeping things under control.

I even wondered if that factored into the decision to cancel it the following year. City officials here have a habit of using numbers to justify their decisions—if it's something they want to do, like the renovation of the community center, they can come up with the numbers to justify it. If it's something they don't want, they can come up with numbers to show why it's not a good

idea.

But that argument aside, I was a little disappointed with the negative reaction, and borderline offended that we are sometimes tempted to call things off just because of one bad situation.

The concept that we should all give up our traditions because of this just doesn't sit well with me. These things are important to their respective communities and they should provide an opportunity to show off the good things about

*These things are important to their respective communities and they should provide an opportunity to show off the good things about where we live.*

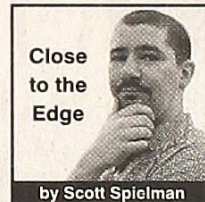
This is not just in Wayne, either. There was a similar discussion in Belleville about the Strawberry Festival, which suffered from similar issues last year. Teens roving around looking for trouble will inevitably find it—even if they have to create it themselves.

where we live. Anyone walking around Attwood Park on Monday—and the show is on Monday, not the end of July like we said last week—will find families sitting around and talking, playing Frisbee or some other games, listening to music and chatting with neighbors.

If you walk up and down the streets leading to the park, you'll see neighbors sitting on porches, talking with others as they make their way to ground zero. There will be clusters of parties. In short, there will be the kinds of neighborhood gatherings that used to be so prevalent in 'the good old days.'

That's what we should take away from events like this. They should be a reminder that we are all the same, people trying to make their way in life—dads and moms, sons and daughters, friends. We should be proud of that and we should be proud of the way the community came together on short notice to put on the show and that the business community took up the charge to ease the financial burden for the rest of us.

These are all good things. We shouldn't let the actions of a few spoil it for those who know what's really important in life.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## A first-hand look in the jury room

This week I got my first real taste of justice American style, via jury duty on the Wayne County Circuit Court.

After being regaled with horror stories about how tedious and mind-numbing the whole process is from people less fortunate than me, I was looking forward to pulling out my ace in a hole for dismissal: my job as a roving local reporter. I figured this would be an instant out with prosecutors, who would assume I was coming in with preconceived notions about the case, the law, or crime in general.

No such luck.

Apparently the Wednesday night Red Wings win made for a lot of Thursday morning no-shows and, as

odds would have it, I ended up on the jury in a trial for an attempted murder that took place in Detroit late last year.

After I got over my initial, knee-jerk disappointment at being selected, all my hopes about haunting the black jack tables at Motor City for the rest of the afternoon instantly moot, I began to figure out a few things about our legal system, and why it works.

First, despite what people say about jury duty, most still take their civic duty very seriously. I can't speak for all juries, but everyone I spoke with seemed intimately aware that what they were doing was important, and that we were deliberating on real people with

real lives.

I'm not saying that everyone was happy to be there, because they weren't. I'm saying that no one seemed willing to rush the process in order to shirk their burden of the public good, and I found this both surprising and encouraging.

Secondly, I learned that the jury system works, because it's the best way to gauge the will of the collective public. Admittedly, when I've sometimes allowed myself to follow a big case, enough to feel invested in the publicized outcome, I've often wondered why juries have ruled the way they did. How could they find



And so it goes

by Jennifer Busch

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# Public hearing set for new school budget

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Van Buren Public School Board of Education members have scheduled a public hearing next week regarding the 2007-2008 budget.

It will take place at 7 p.m. on June 23. The 2008-2009 budget will also be part of the hearing.

Nick Armelagos, director of finance and operations for the district, said he can now move forward with more solid figures after the Van Buren Administrators and Supervisor Association (VBASA) contract and the non-union wage and benefits were approved.

The proposed settlement for the 2007-2008 fiscal year for VBASA includes a 2 percent increase schedule to start July 1 and a retro 1.5 percent for 2007-2008. The health care will be \$10 per month co-pay to start July 1 with MESSA healthcare choices and a 10/20 prescription implemented as soon as MESSA can make the change. Individuals electing to continue on Supercare will continue to pay the difference between the district supported health care and Supercare, according to Dr. Linda Olson, director of instruction and personnel for the district.

A professional development increase to \$2,000/\$1,000 or a portion may be used to

reimburse union members for a professional membership in addition to the one paid organization membership in the contract, she added.

A 2 percent retroactive increase will also take place for nonunion administrators to start on July 1. Healthcare changes include the continuation with Blue Cross Blue Shield Flexible Blue Place 2 high deductible plan. Starting January 2009, the district contribution to the health savings account will change from \$1,250 a single to \$1,000 and from \$2,500 per family to \$2,250. The health savings account contributions will continue to be prorated and paid monthly during the calendar year, according to Superintendent of Schools Pete Lazaroff.

The change in January fits best with how health savings accounts operate under Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations on a calendar year as opposed to the fiscal year and will allow employees to make up any contributions on their own tax deductions, Lazaroff said.

Officials also approved a year-long extension contract for Armelagos, but tabled the decision to approve another year for Olson. Officials already approved a two-year contract last year for her, which prompted the 'no' votes from trustees Toni Hunt, Bob Binert and Keith Johnston.

## Jury

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them guilty for this offense and not that one, I wondered.

How could they pick and choose which testimony to base a decision upon?

In a simple majority system, those who believe a defendant is guilty might achieve precedence and sentence a defendant to the furthest extent of the law, while other jurors might have set the same defendant free. The way the system is structured, it ensures that justice is meted out in such a way that 12 people, with no investment in one another, can live with the results of a case.

It may not be perfect justice, but it is a perfectly just way of determining the will of the people.

Finally, I learned that a group of strangers, when locked in a room together, are capable of coming to an amenable decision. Jury duty forces you to think honestly about your beliefs and your blindspots, and come up with compelling reasons as to why others should agree with you, even when it seems like you're up against a brick wall of indecision and acrimony.

It may not have been a perfect decision, but it was one that reflected the truest will of all those present, and a better decision than any of us could've come up with on our own.

Maybe we should all take a page from that lesson.

### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

**Seeking Housing Rehabilitation Bids.** The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for Housing Rehabilitation through the Community Development Block Grant Program on parcel number V125-053-03-0631-000 also known as 41511 Tompkins, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Bid forms and work specifications are available at the Township Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Bids will be received until 2:00 pm, July 10, 2008 and should be submitted to the Clerks office. The bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 pm July 10, 2008. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and is not required to accept the low bid, is an equal opportunity employer. If you have any questions please contact Development Services, Pat at (734) 699-8913

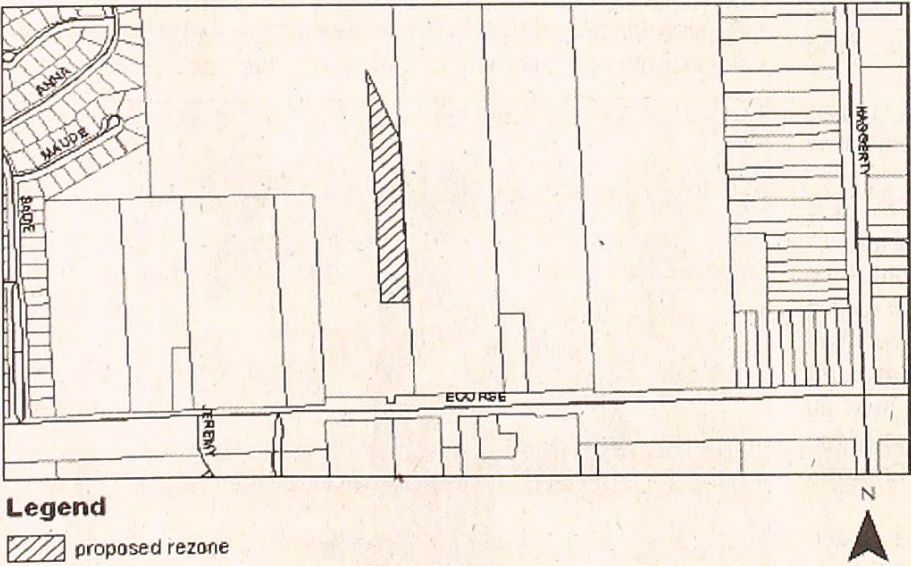
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday July 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

A portion of parcel number V125-83-006-99-0006-703 approximately 3.78 acres, proposed to be rezoned from R1-B Single Family Residential to M-1 Light Industrial.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the North side of Ecorse Road between Morton Taylor Road and Haggerty Road.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of July 9, 2008.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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### Robotics champs

Students T.J. Bowman and William Wortinger, above, of Belleville High School were awarded first place and \$2,000 in scholarships and prizes recently through ROBOFEST for their vision based robotic programming challenge. The event draws contestants from all over the world and students have to have a good command of programming in order to win the competition. The students programmed the robot to autonomously navigate a road and to make decisions based on what it observed using an on-board camera. The students deserve all the credit, according to teacher Jason Butka. "They used class time wisely, researched and even stayed after school," he said.



### CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING 38701 WADE ROAD

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2008** for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance Section 4.05, Accessory Structures in Residential Districts to allow a 17 foot 8 inch accessory structure. The Zoning Ordinance only permits a maximum 15 foot height; therefore, a 2 foot 7 inch variance is required. The subject property is located at 38701 Wade Road. DP# 82-80-119-01-0017-302. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 9, 2008 and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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### 1954 PA 188 Proceedings Notice of Street Lighting Special Assessment Hearing

#### Charter Township of Van Buren Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions by the property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50 percent of the total footage of the hereinafter described as **Homestead Phases III, IV, and V** Street Lighting Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to purchase, construct and maintain street lights and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: **Homestead Phase III, IV, and V approximately 170 inclusive.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary street lighting layout plan from Detroit Edison indicating three street lights to be constructed with an annual operating cost of \$8,951.39. This plan is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon the proposed street lighting project design and cost will be held at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday July 1, 2008.**

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

\*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Township Clerk Joannie Payne  
46425 Tyler Road  
Belleville, MI 48111

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# SPORTS

## WLAA, Mega All-District, conference, division selections

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

It's time to look back at another exciting sports season.

Whether or not they are out of the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) or the Mega Conference, the list that follows is filled of athletes that played their hearts out during the regular season, poured their tears out in post-season play, led their teams to conference and district championships and won individual accolades along the way.

Frankly, it is a list of the area's best of the best.

For the athletes at Canton, Plymouth, Salem, John Glenn, Wayne and Northville this will be the final class in the All-WLAA catalogue with the merger of the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) and the WLAA into the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA). Seniors can take pride as they are the last athletes to make the WLAA list while those returning as seniors for the 2008-09 season and other underclassmen will have an opportunity to be the first to grace the 24-team conglomerate All-KLAA.

Those in the Mega—be it the Red, White, Blue or Gold—face a similar situation with the fate of the conference in the air for the 2009-10 season.

One of the best top stories of the spring season was the Northville varsity softball team.

The Lady Mustangs finished 29-5 overall on the season and won the Western division crown and the school's first district softball title in history along the way.

"This season has been amazing," said Northville Coach Teryn

Chrzanowski. "The girls all worked hard, got along well, and ultimately were the reason this team had the best season in school history.

"Coach Fox, Coach Long, and I truly enjoyed coaching this group and are proud of what they've accomplished," she added. "Our eight seniors did a great job leading this team and will be missed next year. This team reached many of their goals, but the sweetest was winning the district for the first time in school history and seeing the seniors in their uniforms at graduation."

Northville had four players named to the All-District team. Allison Holmes earned her spot, posting a 19-5 record with a .665 ERA. She struck out 245 batters, only walked 14 and gave up just 16 earned runs.

Senior Brittany Birdsall joins Holmes on the list. Birdsall was steady at third base and posted a .333 average at bat with 26 singles, nine doubles, three triples and 16 RBIs. Senior Jenna Dumbleton made the grade, too. She was the team's shortstop on defense and was undefeated from the circle with a 9-0 record. Dumbleton was the team's second leading hitter with a .420 average with 36 singles, 12 doubles and two triples for 17 RBIs.

The team hitting title goes to junior catcher and All-District selection Sarah Rounsifer. She recorded a .533 average with six homeruns on the year and 32 singles, 10 doubles and a triple and led the team with 41 RBIs.

Chrzanowski topped things off, capturing the District Coach of the Year Award.

Holmes, Dumbleton and Rounsifer were named to the

WLAA All-Conference, too. All-Division honors went to Birdsall (Infield), senior first baseman Alexandra Kaszuba (Infield), junior outfielder Mariel Wilson (Outfield) and senior outfielder Megan Hofmeister (At-Large).

Northville also received Academic All-State honors as a team with a GPA of 3.64. Birdsall, Dumbleton, Holmes and senior outfielder Jamie Cotrone were individually named to Academic All-State for having GPAs over 3.6.

### More softball

Other All-WLAA softball honors went to:

Salem's junior Mary Cox (Infield), junior Christina Parsons (Outfield) and junior Emily Pitcole (At-Large); Plymouth's sophomore Stacy Klonowski (Infield) and senior Amy Bondy (Outfield); and Canton's junior Miranda Rysdorp (Outfield).

Salem freshman Hiedi Schmidt (Infield) and freshman pitcher Briana Lee (At-Large) earned All-Lakes recognition. John Glenn juniors Brittany Holbrook, Stacey Truskowski and Amanda Murakami and sophomore Katie Down earned All-Lake Honorable Mention along with Salem senior Lizzy McCloud, sophomore Mary Johnson and freshmen Lizzy Mazorowicz and Kelli Janiczek.

On the Western side Plymouth junior catcher Erin Rhodes earned All-Division along with teammates junior Beth Heldmeyer (Infield) and sophomore Amanda Burnard (Infield).

Canton sophomore Amy Dunleavy (Infield) made the All Western list, too.

Honorable mentions went to Canton's senior Nicole Rago and freshmen Lauren Leskovitz and Samantha Partain; Wayne's senior Heather Henning, juniors Taylor Krohn and Kathy Harris and sophomore Jordan Berry; and Plymouth's senior's Gina Giordano and Meghan Patterson and junior Jill Brennan.

In the Mega, Belleville's senior catcher Danielle Stabnau and junior pitcher Samantha Cole made Red Division All-Conference.

Romulus's seniors catcher Joya Johnson and shortstop Janere Johnson were named Blue Division All-Conference while teammates senior Jennifer Johnson, junior Chelsea Hay and sophomore Debbie Schoolmaster walked away with Honorable Mention.

Inkster freshman third baseman Meisha Thomas was credited with Gold Division All-Conference.

### Canton baseball improves in 2008

The Canton Baseball team showed that it deserved some attention this year with a dramatic improvement under first-year head coach Mark Blomshield.

He led the Chiefs to a 22-11 overall record and won the team's first district title in 19 years.

"I am very pleased with the way the team finished the season," Blomshield said. "At one point we were on the fence with a 6-6 record and I wasn't sure which way the team would head. From that point on we won 16 out of our next 20 games and ended up as one of the most successful teams in Canton's history."

"Obviously as a first year coach I'm very excited about that achievement," he said. "Personally I will never forget this team and how they battled their way to the top and showed a lot of class in the process. Hopefully with the success of this team, Canton baseball can set a new level of expectations and set the bar high for years to come."

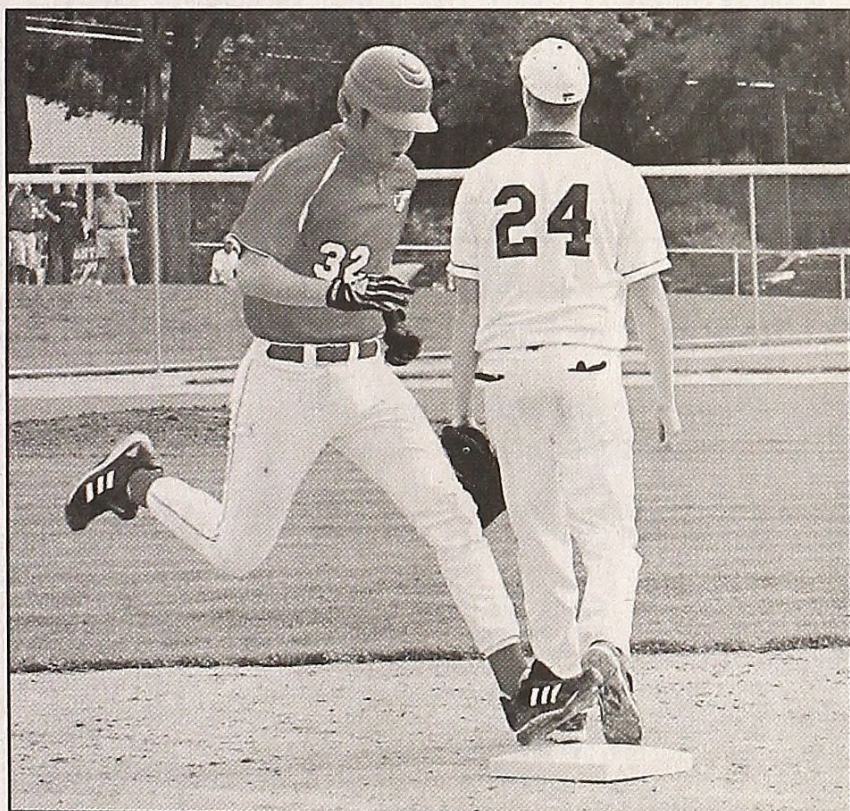
The Chiefs had two players selected to All-District.



Northville Coach Teryn Chrzanowski was named District Coach of the Year. Photo by Jeff Novak



Salem hurler Briana Lee made the All Lakes Division as a freshman. Photo by Ken Garner



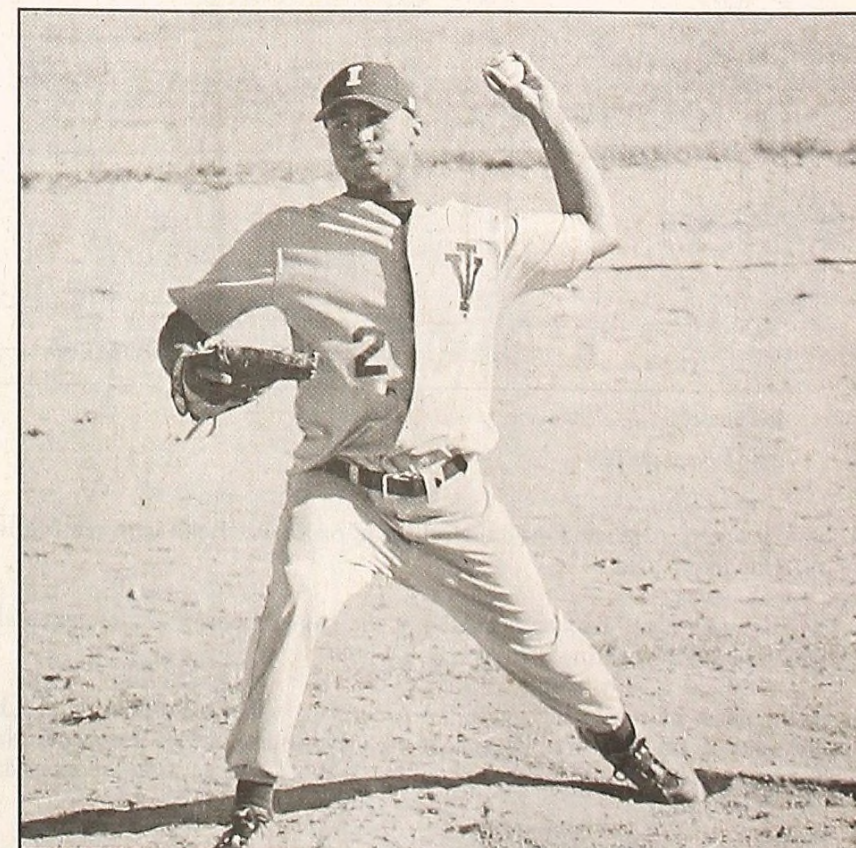
Canton senior Will Tidwell (32) makes it to first during a regional game against Novi. He earned a 7-1 record on the mound and earned All-District honors. Photo by Jeff Novak



Plymouth's Stacey Klonowski (16) received Western Lakes All-Conference honors as a sophomore. Photo by Jeff Novak



Northville junior catcher Sarah Rounsifer was All-District and All Western Lakes Conference, posting a .533 batting average. Photo by Jeff Novak



Inkster senior Josh Howard was listed as Mega Gold All-Division player. Photo by Jeff Novak



selected to All-District.  
Senior hurler Will Tidwell warranted his place on the list with a 7-1 record on the mound with a 1.89 ERA.

Junior catcher Dan Stoney earned his spot with the area's best by posting a .375 batting average with five home runs and 25 RBIs.

Both Stoney and Tidwell were named to the All-Western Division team along with senior outfielder Ben Vaughn, who posted a .398 batting average. Honorable mentions went to senior shortstop Ryan Neu (.333 average), sophomore pitcher Kevin Delepaz (7-1 record), sophomore pitcher and outfielder Alex Dixon (.350 average and 3-0 on the mound) and freshman Seth Tschetter (.357 batting average).

More baseball

In the Mega Belleville senior third baseman and pitcher Andrew Overholt and junior pitcher and infielder Caleb Kennedy were named to the Red Division All-Conference team.

Romulus senior Steve Hicks received Blue Division All-Conference honors.

Inkster seniors Derrick Coker and Josh Howard made the grade in the Gold Division All-Conference standings.

Track selections

Both the boys' and girls' track teams for Northville had stellar seasons.

The Lady Mustangs won the WLAA meet with 144 points.

Senior Brianna Jenkins made All-WLAA when she won first place in the high jump, clearing 5-2. She was also All-Division in the 400-meter dash. Junior Amy Reynolds won the pole vault crown when she made it over a 10-8 height. Sophomore Jaclyn Konopka was first (15.29) in the 100-meter hurdles and junior Daniella Drury won the 400-meter dash in 1:01.80 for the conference

crown.

Freshman long jumper Chelsea Ciampa was All-Division along with freshman high jumper Beth Roach (also an All-Division winner in the 400-meter dash); the 3200-meter relay team of Lindsay Hagan (All-Division in the 600-meter run), Jenny Murphy, Karina Puskorius and Markea Dickinson; and 100-meter hurdler O'Malley King.

John Glenn's junior Chanel Payne won the All-Conference title in the long jump, leaping a distance of 17-2, and was All-Division in the 100-meter dash. Senior teammate Ashley Parker won the 100-meter dash (12.13). The 400-meter relay team of Payne, Jamie Mellas, Ashley Montgomery (All-Division in the long jump) and Parker won the conference in 50.54 and the same team also won the 800-meter race in 1:46.83.

Salem sophomore Deja White was All-Division in the 100-meter dash along with the 800-meter team of Paige Regular, Caitlin Heaney, Madeleine Vala and Wright.

Plymouth junior Jill Morton was All-Division in the long jump as was senior teammate Stephanie Okolo in the 100-meter dash.

Canton's 400-meter relay team of Phalyn Winans, Ciara Williams, Lindsay Lipa (All-Division in the 100-meter dash) and Ashley Banks were All-Division. Canton sophomore Beth Swanberg was named All-Division in the 400-meter dash.

Wayne sophomore sprinter Rochelle Woods was All-Division in the 100-meter dash.

The Northville boys won the division with an undefeated dual record—the second undefeated dual season—and were runners-ups to Stevenson in the conference meet.

All-Conference honors went to the 4x400 relay team of Habib Khan, Aliasghar Arastu, Aaron Chew and Cavan Corcoran. Corcoran earned All-Conference honors in the 300-meter IM hurdle and All-Division in the 110-meter high hurdle.

Other All-Division awards went to Andrew Gorley in discus; David Brown in the high jump; Arastu in

the long jump and 300-meter IM hurdle, Evan Gerish in the 110 high hurdle; Eric Peterson in the 800-meter run; and Jonathan Zurek in the 3200-meter run.

Plymouth's Ben Ambrose was placed fifth in the state in pole vault when he cleared 13-9.

In Mega competition, the Belleville Lady Tiger won the Mega Red conference championship.

Ivy Haralson, Shakila Price, Leah Sykes, Melissa Groce and Ashley Wartley were recognized as Mega Red All-Leaguers. Belleville boys All-League selections included Steve Else and Varick Tucker.

Tucker won the state championship in the 400-meter dash in 48.71. Else was fourth in the state in the 110 hurdles.

Romulus had Christiane Linton, Erin Bragg, Sarah Payne, Christina Crawford and Astacia Watts selected to the Red Division All-League team. Linton placed fifth in the state in the 100-meter dash.

Darryl White, a Mega Red All-League selection, won the state championship in the 100-meter dash for Romulus in 10.76 and was fourth in the 200-meter.

Geoffrey Johnson, Marcell Grant, Leroy Talley, Brian Jones and Aaron Bailey were All-League selection from Romulus.

John Glenn's Larry Dawkins placed third in the state in the 100-meter dash.

Other sports

Romulus's Ashley Wagle was named Mega White All-Conference for tennis. Romulus junior soccer player Kayla Lewis earned Blue Division All-Conference honors with senior teammates Katrina Jadzinski and Kristin Leigh and freshman Ngozi Obinya earning honorable mentions. Belleville golfers Zach McCurley and Dan Belanger were named to the Mega White All-Division team.

If there are more All-District, All-Conference and All-Division results out there please fax them to 734-729-1840 or email them to jnovak@journalgroup.com.



Glenn junior pitcher Brittany Holbrook was one of four Lady Rockets that received Lakes Division Honorable Mention. Photo by Ken Garner



Although the Belleville Lady Tigers had an up and down season, but junior hurler Samantha Cole was solid throughout and made the Mega Red All-Conference team. Photo by Jeff Novak

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 2, 2008 IN  
THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.  
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.  
Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, Clerk

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-166

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 27, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Abstain - Bragg, Gear.  
Motion Carried.

08-167

3A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to approve the transfer of Ownership on a 2007 Class C and SDM licensed business with dance-entertainment permit from DMB, to Kickstand Bar & Grill, located at 30747-30755 Eureka, Romulus, Michigan 48174, Wayne County (ID #440000).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-168

4A1. Motion by Crout, supported by Barden to adopt a memorial resolution in memory of James Christopher Branham a thirty-three year City of Romulus Employee.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-169

4A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Anthony Marion; brother to Emery Long.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-170

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-26:  
FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT AMENDED BUDGET  
General Fund  
Expense  
101-8214-882.74-49 Claim Expense 0 35,000 35,000  
Fund Balance

101-0000-390.00-00 General Fund Balance 2,916,783 (35,000) 35,000

To cover settlement of the law suit regarding the Lama Construction/Goddard Road Matter.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-170

5B. Motion by Wadsworth supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-27:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Expense				
101-3110.731.71-10	Police Over-Time Wages	800,000	190,000	990,000
Revenue				
101-0000-410.65-10	Fines & Forfeitures	2,150,000	1,250,000	3,400,000
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	General Fund Balance	2,881,783	1,060,000	3,941,783

To recognize additional revenues generated by the police department as well as increased police overtime expenses.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-171

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with respect to the Detroit Metro Master Planning Process.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-172

6A1. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroff to schedule a Study Session to discuss the revised Zoning Ordinance and revised Sign Ordinance (Chapter 29), on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., to be held in the City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2. \*\* Item Deleted.\*\*

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda R. Choate, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 2, 2008.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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# SPORTS

## Junior golf program helps Romulus children

Andrew Kirby  
Staff Writer

Dennis Neimiec has been working in conjunction with the Romulus School system since November to create the "Gateway-to-Golf" Junior Golf Program at Gateway Golf Club.

Five golf tutorials were held Saturday each about an hour long. Neimiec taught the students about the game and techniques of golf.

Among the 94 children registered for class last Saturday was Miranda, General Manager Mike Cottone's daughter. Cottone and Gateway Golf Club, located at Venoy and Van Born Road, have been working to invite more children to golf by providing the children in "Gateway-to-Golf" with coupons for balls on the driving range and junior rates for golf.

"[The kids] get an exposure to a sport that's just as much exercise as anything else and it gets them away from the TV," Cottone said. "When they walk the course and do all the swinging, it works all the muscles. It's every bit as good as swimming would be."

Neimiec couldn't have done this all on his own, he said. Some students volunteered their own time to raise money for the equipment.

"All the equipment is provided by us," Neimiec said. "If students want to bring their own clubs, they

can, but I have clubs of all sizes including left handed clubs."

Omar Maldonado, Ron Kinunen, and Sharon Lundie coached the kids along with Neimiec.

"Omar is an 8 or 9 handicap and plays in some travel leagues and Ron is one of the better players I know," Cottone said.

Carl Weiss, Superintendent of Romulus Schools, along with Marjie McAnally, and Phyllis Adkins, principals of the Romulus Elementary and Romulus Middle Schools were instrumental in the success of "Gateway-to-Golf."

"The schools were very good about distributing and collecting the application forms for me," Neimiec said.

Neimiec charges 5 dollars per child per class. Classes will be held every Saturday through the summer, but Neimiec said if Saturdays are

inconvenient for the parents, he may start having a class during the week.

"If I get enough parents saying that they would like me to do a class during the week I will start doing that," Neimiec said.

Most of the children who participated were between the ages of 6-13, but Neimiec said even high school students are welcome.

For more information on "Gateway-to-Golf" Junior Golf Program, or to register a child for a class, call Dennis Neimiec (734)721-4100.

**"[The kids] get an exposure to a sport that's just as much exercise as anything else and it gets them away from the TV."**



Golf instructors, from left in back row, Sharon Lundie, Omar Maldonado and Dennis Neimiec teaches youngsters how to play golf. Photo by Andrew Kirby




Dennis Neimiec, in conjunction with the Romulus School system created the "Gateway-to-Golf" Junior Golf Program at Gateway Golf Club. Above he works with two students on Saturday. Photo by Andrew Kirby


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103. Business Property for Sale  
104. Farms & Acreage for Sale  
105. Mobile Homes for Sale  
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107. Condos/Townhouses for Sale  
108. Lake and Resort  
109. Income Property
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112. Commercial Lease  
113. Real Estate Wanted  
114. Auto Accessories  
115. Autos for Sale  
116. Antique & Classic Cars  
117. Trucks & Vans for Sale  
118. Freebies  
119. Auto Repairs  
120. Motorcycles  
121. Autos Wanted


1. Obituaries



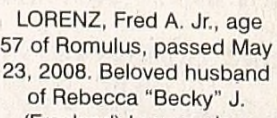
ALLEN, Lee Aaron, age 87, died June 5, 2008. He was born June 9, 1920. Lee leaves wonderful memories to a devoted wife, Helen Bonner-Allen; two daughters, Rayette Butler of CA and Barbara Jean Gibson of Gary, IN; grandchildren, Howard Gibson (Sandra) and Eunice Gibson of Milwaukee, WI, Luther Gibson, Sharon Gibson and Sharmaine Gibson of TX, Jermaine Gibson of Indianapolis, IN, and Robert Gibson of Inkster, MI; a special Goddaughter, Forrestella Toney of Chicago, IL, sister-in-law, Melba Morman of Inkster, MI; brother-in-law, Sam Warren of Inkster, MI; step-children, Terry Bonner (Veronica) of Romulus, MI, Bonita Harris of Inkster, MI, Johnnie Bonner Jr. of Inkster, MI and Lola Burgines (Jiles) of Westland, MI, plus a host of loving great and great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Services were held at Nehemiah Word of Faith Full Gospel Baptist Church, Inkster, MI with Bishop Felton Harris Jr. officiating. Interment was at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Ypsilanti, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



ELDRIDGE, Dushone Jr., age 11, died June 1, 2008. He was born December 20, 1996. DJ leaves to cherish his memories, his mother, Tamara Ellis; his father, Dushone Eldridge Sr.; maternal grandparents, Angel L. Madison-Ellis of Romulus, MI and Lloyd Ellis Sr. of Columbia, TN; his paternal grandmother, Betty Eldridge of Inkster, MI; great grandmothers, Mary Madison and Barbara Jean Harrison, both of Ypsilanti, MI; uncles Lloyd Ellis Jr. of Romulus, MI, Eric Eldridge of Inkster, MI, Tyrone Eldridge of Nashville, TN and William Eldridge of Detroit, MI; aunts, Tashonee James and Marie Fontane both of Inkster, MI and a host of other relatives and friends. His brother D'Angelo Carr preceded him in death. Services were held at Burning Bush International Ministries with Apostle D W. Shelby officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



HALEY, Bernard (Shoakes), age 53, died May 23, 2008. He was born September 17, 1954. He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his devoted brother, John (Brenda) Haley of Michigan; his surrogate family Percy (Andrew) Baker of Michigan, Faye Williams of Las Vegas, NV and Phyllis Miller, Leo Miller Jr, Shakirah Houston and Shakeela Seifuddin, all of Michigan; one aunt, Ruby (Claude) Willis, and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Elder Nathan Fisher officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.





LORENZ, Fred A. Jr., age 57 of Romulus, passed May 23, 2008. Beloved husband of Rebecca "Becky" J. (Freeland) Lorenz, dear father of Fred A. Lorenz III, Jennifer E. (Marc) Wolney, Sarah E. (Jim) Harrison and Allyson E. (Jeremy) McDonald, grandfather of Kathryn Wolney, brother of Paulette (Ray) Dugan, Kathy (Edward) Tobin and Odette (Shawn) Ferguson. Fred was preceded in passing by his parents, Fred A. Sr. and Kathryn L. (Madden) Lorenz.

Fred was uncle to four nieces and one nephew. Services were held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Wayne, MI. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery. Memorials to American Cancer Society. Final arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, MI. Visit [www.cranefuneralhome.net](http://www.cranefuneralhome.net).


MCCRAIGHT, William J. "Bill", 61 of Romulus, passed June 6, 2008. Beloved husband of Linda C. (McCarthy) McCraight, dear father of Angela M. DeCant of Romulus, MI, Jamie L. DeCant of Toledo, OH and Lane L. (Scott) Petri of Plymouth, MI. Grandfather of five, brother of Gloria Schwartz of White Lake, MI and Sharon (Herbert) McKeever of Lake, MI. He is also survived by his mother Katherine (Grassell) McCraight. He was preceded in passing by his father Milton L. McCraight. Bill retired from Republic Waste in 2003 after 30 years

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of employment. Services were held at Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, MI with Rev. William Kren officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Visit [www.CraneFuneralHome.net](http://www.CraneFuneralHome.net)



WILLIAMS, Marcus Alfred Lee, age 38, died May 23, 2008. He was born November 6, 1969. He leaves to cherish his memory his only child Alyssa Faye; his mother Brenda Joyce Penn; three brothers, Jonathan Williams (Nicole), John Penn Jr. (Aisha) and Tony Penn; his sister, Kandice Penn; three nieces, three nephews, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Services were

held at Penn Funeral Home with Prophet Lee Audrey Williams officiating. Interment was at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Ypsilanti Twp., MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

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# THE SCENE

## Scream team Local movie makers re-release film

Just in case you missed it the first time, *Born of Earth* hits the big screen again this month.

The husband-wife scream team, Todd and Tommy Brunswick, are re-releasing their latest made-in-Michigan horror movie as a part of a month-long of a Fright Night Wednesday double feature series—all Skeleton Factory productions directed by Tommy Brunswick—at the Emagine Canton Theater.

*Born of Earth* is scheduled as the second show on Wednesday, June 25, following one of the duo's early films, *The Remake* (check the theater listing for times).

The Fright Night finale leads way into the start of Motor City Nightmares Weekend of Horrors presented by Skeleton Factory and Atomic Devil Entertainment July 18-20 at the Crowne Plaza Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall.

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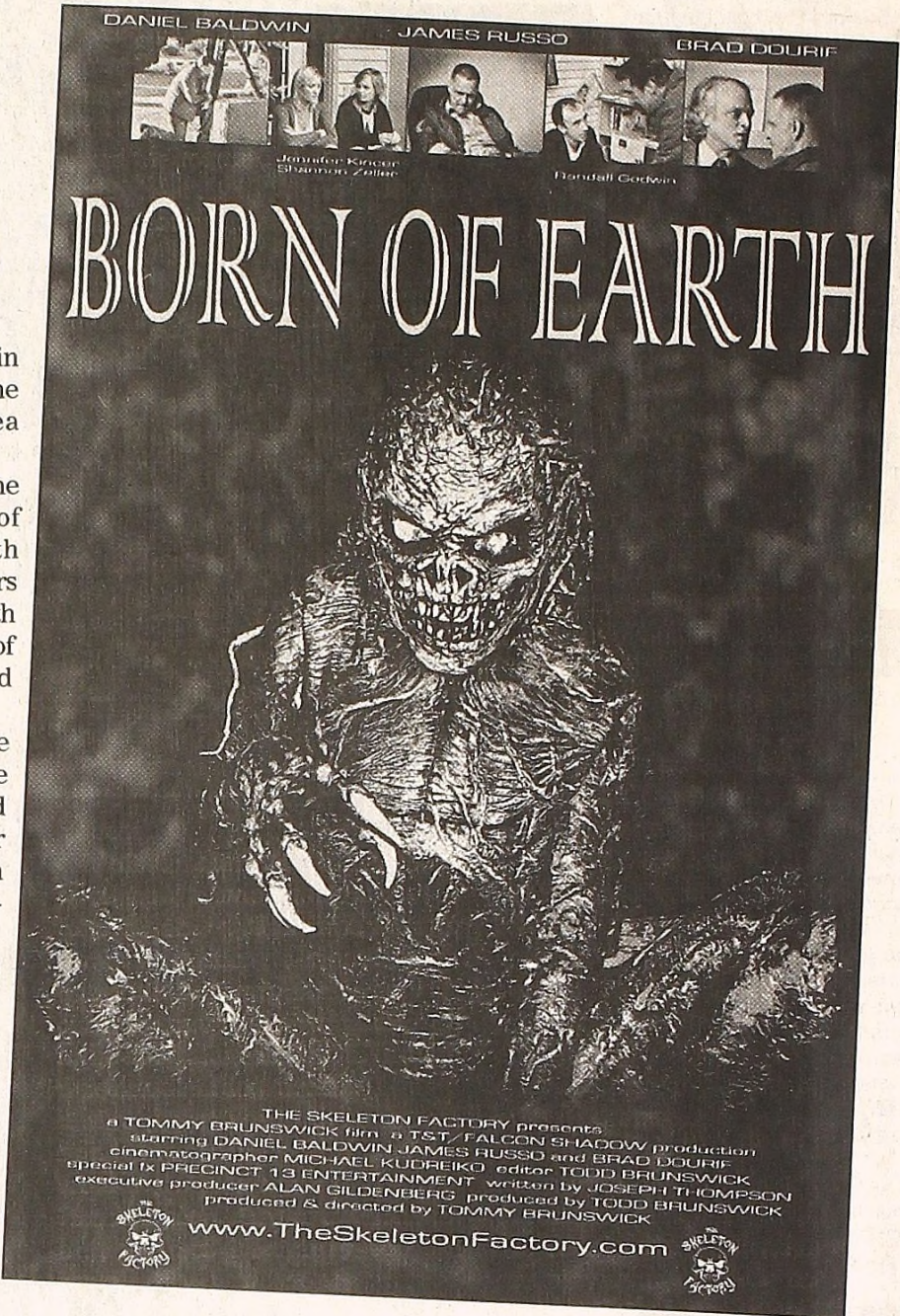
There is also a Cocktail Night with George Romero, who wrote *Night of the Living Dead*; Tony Todd, who was the *Candyman*; Kane

Hodder who was Jason Voorhees in *Friday the 13th* 7, 8, 9 and X and the original scream queen, Linnea Quigley.

Visitors can also take part in the 40th anniversary celebration of *Night of the Living Dead* with Romero and original cast members Kyra Schon, Bill Hinzman, Judith O'Dea, John Russo (also in *Born of Earth*), George Kosana and Russell Streiner.

Weekend passes for all three days are \$50 per person. Single day tickets for Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 are \$20 (10 for children 5-12 years old) for each day and \$15 (\$7.50 for children 5-12 years old) for Sunday, July 20.

For more information on the convention go to [www.motorcitynightmares.com](http://www.motorcitynightmares.com). For more information on the Brunswicks and The Skeleton Factory go to [www.theskeletonfactory.com](http://www.theskeletonfactory.com).



Reviewed By  
Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

## *Born of Earth* is bloody fun

There wasn't a seat left in the house when Tommy and Todd first premiered *Born of Earth* in April at the Emagine Novi and as predicted it was everything it was clawed, bitten, chewed, ripped up and supposed to be—a bloody good time.

The husband and wife team's ninth feature is a mature well-made independent blood fest that is a terror-ific, fun ride.

The film is a completely made-in-Michigan project with parts set in Northville and Salem Township. Tuscan Café and As the Page Turns bookstore in Northville made cameo appearances for key scenes.

A movie is always more enjoyable when you see places and landmarks that you know personally. But that's not the only thing that makes *Born of Earth* such a monster-heavy joy

ride.

Tommy Brunswick's direction is unique and refreshing. She utilizes different angles and uses available light to create tense and memorable scenes and she gets the most out of her B-movie cast.

Some of the better-known cast members like Daniel Baldwin, James Russo and Brad Dourif deliver on the dialogue heavy script. There won't be any Oscar-winning performances here but for entertainment purposes they were pretty good.

The story revolves around the mystery of the several mass disappearances recorded through history. The movie attributes them to an army of underground—hence born of earth—demons that kill adults and abduct children.

Now the fictional town of Prophet Hills is there for the taking. The film opens up with the happy-go-lucky Kessler family finishing up a routine evening until bedtime and Danny (Daniel Baldwin) finds his wife dead and watches these creatures drag his two children under ground.

After things settle down, Danny leaves town only to return exactly five years later with a freshly grown goatee. He tries to warn his sister-in-law and her daughter of the dangers that lurk below the city but is intercepted by the sheriff (Russo) and the mayor (Dourif) who have their own agenda.

The mayor covers up the disappearances in order to lure housing developers. Danny's plan to get out of town and the mayor's plan to make a profit turns into a bloody mess as the

creatures resurface for one last time.

*Born of Earth* is gorier than it is scary. Trust me when I say that the closer you are to the screen the bloodier the scenes are.

The creatures are actually quite scary up close with their dead black eyes, bloodstained fangs and claws. From a distance they're not as convincing as they creep across the moonlit road. But, like the actors, they get the job done.

On a larger scale, *Born* is much more than a gruesome monster-attack movie. The fact that Prophet Hills represents the many towns and cities that are literally dying in the this failing economy, proves that the Brunswicks have their fingers on the fading pulse of Michigan.

That's the scary part.

## *Don't Dress for Dinner* provides plenty of laughs

Flagrant, public adultery has never carried such delicious bite.

In the second run of the smash inaugural performance of Marc Camoletti's *Don't Dress for Dinner*, directed by Gillian Eaton, at The Tipping Point Theatre, fast and loose aristocrat mores get their comeuppance in the most poetic way possible.

Filled with deft jabs and physical folly, *Don't Dress for Dinner* has all the makings of a modern day

Moliere, with enough dual-ended jokes to keep you laughing long past curtain call.

Set in France, Bernard (played by Loren Bass) is trying to scurry by his wife, Jacqueline (Sarab Kamoo), off to her mother's so that he can enjoy a romantic weekend with his chic, young mistress, Suzanne (Michelle Hooks-Stackpoole). At the last minute, Bernard's best friend, Robert (Dave Davies), calls and invites

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himself down for the weekend, which Bernard takes as the ideal alibi for his sudden stint of bache-

lorhood.

Unfortunately Jacqueline, who is having a secret affair with Robert, hears of his arrival and cancels her plans, leaving Bernard with the unsavory task of either canceling his tryst or dreaming up some half-baked scheme to explain Suzanne's sudden arrival.

Everything seems to be well in hand until Robert mistakes the weekend cook, Suzette (Laurel Hufano), for Bernard's mistress and enlists her help to fool Jacqueline, moments before Bernard gets a chance to warn him that the real Suzanne is still en route.

If it sounds confusing in print, imagine watching it unfold as the hilarious, convoluted backstory for this talented, slapstick ensemble.

Well-staged and filled with back-handed jabs at the trappings of aristocracy, this production reminded of an especially good episode of *Frasier*, if *Frasier* had filled a two-hour time slot and all the jokes landed squarely where pitched. The characters in the play are all exaggerated, but Eaton is careful not to let them degenerate into stereotypes, so that Bernard's whiny, tittering mistress is also unexpectedly sweet and generous and Suzette, the common, low brow cook, is actually the shrewdest minx in the mix.

Of course, it's hard to pass all

the credit along to the director with a cast as sharp as this one.

Bass is hilariously believable as the lust mad Bernard, while Davies turns in an excellent performance as an accidental ladies man. Kamoo is cleverly cutting as the over bred Jacqueline, and Hooks-Stackpoole is surprisingly sweet and sympathetic as Bernard's long-suffering mistress.

The real standout of the play is Hufano, however, who delivers her role with unshakable good humor and spot on comedic timing, lending the production an earthy spin that keeps it from teetering into the absurd.

Aaron Moore also turns in a hilarious cameo as Suzette's bruiser of a husband George, and her overbearing, self-appointed evening chauffeur.

In fact, what is most fun about the play might well be the audience's snickering glee at watching the upper crust stew in their own immoral pot, locked in by the unshakable conventions of "polite" society. Aside from the skillful, well-timed physical humor, the entire play is filled with these types of subtle ruminations, poking fun not just at the ridiculous behavior of these blatant, cloying social climbers but the entire system that created them.

I'll admit I'm not above having a little fun at upper crust's expense, especially when packaged in such a fun, madcap play as this.

Social skewers everywhere can count themselves proud.

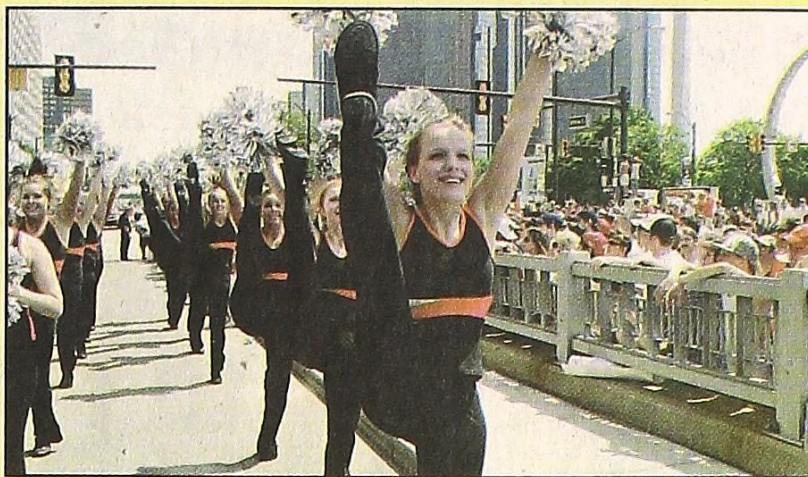
Performances will continue Wednesdays through Sundays through June 29. Tickets are \$25 per person.

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Aaron Moore gets up close and personal in Marc Camoletti's madcap comedy *Don't Dress for Dinner*, showing at the Tipping Point Theater through June 29.





### Stars on parade

Students from the Plymouth, Canton and Northville high school pom-pom teams strut their stuff down Woodward Street in downtown Detroit for the Red Wings victory parade last week as part of the Mid American Pompon All Star Team. The team, which consists of pom-pom dancers from throughout southeastern Michigan, performed to the song "The Boys are Back in Town" For more information on the group, visit [www.pompon.com](http://www.pompon.com).

## Women of Distinction are sought

Nominations are now open for the 2008 Women of Distinction award through the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council.

The annual award recognizes the accomplishments of women who exemplify excellence in their profession and in their work for their community. Past winners include Judge Julie Creal, 15th District Court; Judge Tina Green, 34th District Court; Paquetta Anne Palmer, Washtenaw Community Health Organization; Charlotte Sherman, Wayne-Westland Schools and Kristen Stumpo, Plante-Moran.

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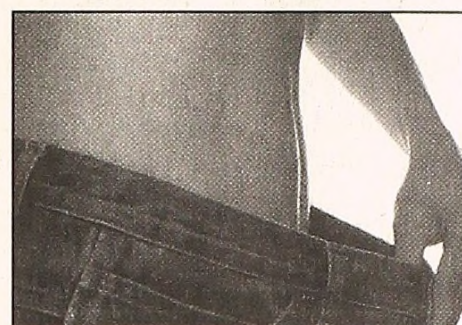
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Passport Services

#### Northville Township Satellite Office

44405 Six Mile Road  
Northville, MI 48168  
(248) 348-5800, Ext. 10129  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

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**Coleman A. Young Municipal Center**  
2 Woodward Avenue, Rooms 201 & 207  
Detroit, MI 48226  
(313) 224-6262  
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Merriman Elementary	15303 Merriman Road	<b>734-532-1403</b>
Romulus Elementary	32200 Beverly Road	<b>734-532-1453</b>
Wick Elementary	36900 Wick Road	<b>734-532-1503</b>
Romulus Middle School	37300 Wick Road	<b>734-532-1703</b>
Romulus Board Office	36540 Grant Road	<b>734-532-1600</b>

## Eligibility:

Students must reside in Wayne County

The District will not accept any student who has been suspended or expelled from school within the last two years.

## Enrollment process:

Enrollment forms may be obtained **now** at any of the buildings listed above.

**Beginning June 9, 2008 through June 27, 2008:**

Parent/legal guardian must be present at time of enrollment with the following:

Child's birth certificate

Child's immunization records

Proof of custody

(if parent name is not listed on child's birth certificate)

